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COPY OF CIRCULAR LETTER SENT BY THE SECRETARY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., January, 1909.

To the Members of the Illinois State Historical Society:

DEAR SIR—I beg to call your attention to the fact that at the last annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, by an amendment to the Constitution, the date for holding the annual meeting of the Society was changed from the month of January to the month of May.

It is hoped that in the more agreeable month of May many more of the members of the Society may be able to attend the annual meeting. You are especially urged to attend the meeting, to take part in the business sessions, and to enjoy the addresses, and become better acquainted with the officers and members of the Society.

I also beg to call your attention to the celebration on Friday, Feb. 12, 1909, in Springfield, of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. This is a truly historic occasion, and the Illinois State Historical Society expects to do its part in the celebration, but as the 12th, the great day, will be filled with important general functions given by the people at large, it has been decided that the Historical Society and the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library will hold a reception for the members and friends on the evening of Thursday, February 11th, in the Historical Library rooms.

You are especially invited to attend the reception.

Very respectfully yours,

JESSIE PALMER WEBER,
Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.